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Marcella Hickey, Esquire, Hearing Officer
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, Fl. 2
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: D.T.E. 01-20 Part A-A Unbundled Network Elements

Dear Ms. Hickey:

Verizon MA hereby respectfully moves for a three-day extension to file its reply comments in the above-referenced matter from March 25, 2003 to March 28, 2003.¹ In support of this motion, Verizon MA states that it has received extensive written comments from the Attorney General, AT&T, Conversent Communications of Massachusetts, LLC, RCN-BecoCom, LLC and WorldCom. These comments cover a broad spectrum of issues, including some that previously were not raised during the technical sessions. Adding to the difficulty of responding within the time initially set is the fact that a number of Verizon MA's subject matter experts have a limited opportunity to review other parties' comments and assist in the development of Verizon MA's response because of other commitments. Verizon MA will need the requested additional time for its experts to review and prepare complete responsive comments to the many technical issues that have been raised.

¹ The Hearing Officer established the procedural schedule for this phase of the proceedings in a Hearing Officer Memorandum dated February 11, 2003.

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Verizon MA has contacted all parties that have submitted comments and can represent that all parties except AT&T (*i.e.*, the Attorney General, Conversent, RCN-BecoCom and WorldCom) have no objection to Verizon MA's proposed brief extension.

Sincerely,

Bruce P. Beausejour

cc: Tina Chin, Esq., Hearing Officer
Michael Isenberg, Director, Telecommunications Division
Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Service List (compliance)